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1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN JULY 1 EDITION OF RED
STAR AND MAY POSSIBLY THROW SOME LIGHT ON RECENT SOVIET
SHIP VIOLATIONS OF NORWEGIAN TERRITORTAL WATERS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. COL. YU. ALEKSANDROV ARTICLE: "IN WHOSE INTERESTS?"

AS WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, GEN. G. WUST, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE BUNDESWEHR, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO NORWAY IN MID-JUNE. A VISIT TO NORWAY BY A MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRG WOULD NOT, PERHAPS, IN ITSELF ATTRACT MUCH ATTENTION IF IT WERE NOT FOR CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE FACT IS THAT UNITS AND SUBUNITS OF NORWEGIAN TROOPS STATIONED IN NORTHERN NORWAY IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY TO THE BORDER WITH THE SOVIET UNION WERE THE SELECTED AREAS OF THE WEST GERMAN GENERAL'S VISIT.

AS IS KNOWN, A SIMILAR TRIP TO NORTHERN NORWAY WAS MADE LAST YEAR BY THE FRG DEFENSE MINISTER, G. LEBER, WHO MADE PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS DURING HIS STAY, AND EARLIER THIS YEAR COMBAT SUBUNITS OF THE BUNDESWEHR TOOK PART IN NATO MILITARY EXERCISES ON NORWEGIAN TERRITORY FOR THE FIRST TIME. ONE GETS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE VISIT OF THE BUNDESWEHR INSPECTOR GENERAL TO THE SOVIET-NORWEGIAN BORDER WAS NO MERE CHANCE.

AUTOMATICALLY THE QUESTION ARISES: HOW CAN SUCH ACTIVITIES BY NATOITES BE RECONCILED WITH EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS IN NORTHERN EUROPE, WHICH THE NOR-CONFIDENTIAL

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WEGIAN STATE LEADERSHIP ADVOCATES? IT IS, AFTER ALL, KNOWN THAT OFFICIAL NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE REPEATEDLY SPOKEN OUT AGAINST INCREASING TENSION IN THIS REGION. IN THIS CONNECTION THE STATEMENT OF NORWAY'S PRIME MINISTER O. NORDLI AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 14 IS NOTEWORTHY. THE NEWSPAPER DAGBLADET CALLS ATTENTION TO HIS COMMENT THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INFORMED OF G. WUST'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO NORTHERN NORWAY. A STRANGE SITUATION, TO PUT IT BLUNTLY.

THE IMPRESSION IS CREATED THAT CERTAIN INFLUENTIAL NORWEGIAN CIRCLES CAN ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF OFFICIAL STATEMENTS BY THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING MUTUAL TRUST WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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